

REMARKS

SUMMARY:

The subject application previously set forth claims 1-44, of which claims 1-19 and 42 are presently cancelled. Currently active claims correspond to claims 20-41, 43, and 44, of which claims 20 and 26 are independent claims.

The detailed action of December 20, 2004 set forth a single rejection grounds for claims 20-41, 43 and 44, all of the currently pending claims, under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failure to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Withdrawal of the previous rejection and allowance of all currently pending claims are respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph Rejection (Claims 20 - 41, 43 and 44):

Although all currently pending claims stand rejected, specific concerns have been raised only with respect to claims 20, 22, and 26. Applicant's present representatives have earnestly endeavored to respond to each of the points raised by the Examiner. In addition, a thorough review of all of the currently pending claims has been undertaken. Such review has identified additional areas that have also been revised by the present amendments to the claims to more clearly describe Applicant's contributions. No new matter has been entered.

Based on the present amendments and the remarks herein, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112 and allowance of present claims 20 - 41, 43 and 44.

Submission of new drawings:

To best satisfy comments made regarding the originally filed drawings, new , clean drawings are submitted herewith, without entry of any new matter. Approval of same is respectfully requested.

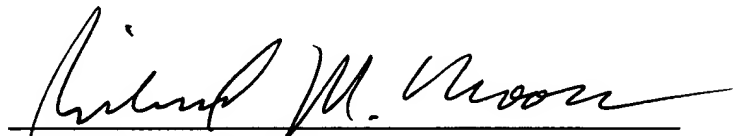
CONCLUSION:

In light of the foregoing amendments and for at least the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application, including claims 20 - 41, 43 and 44, is in complete condition for issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance, and action to such effect is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at his convenience should only minor issues remain after consideration of this response in order to permit early resolution of same.

Respectfully submitted,

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